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In addition to the requirements for quick-reaction assessments, current intelligence, and operational support, there is increasingly broad recognition that the Intelligence Community has both been given and has taken on a responsibility on behalf of the entire government for "scouting the future." Nowhere else in government is there the information, expertise, or mission to look across the broad spectrum of international political, economic, military, social and demographic developments and to distill from them assessments of problems we will face in 5 or 10 years, and even into the next century. While the obvious focus will be problems and challenges, this process also has the potential to identify, at long range, important opportunities for the United States.

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